

Life Principle: Respect – Myth

Why Evergreen Trees Never Lose Their Leaves

It's said that once long ago there was a little bird with a broken wing. The bird sought shelter in the forest, but the oak, the birch and the willow all had their own haughty reasons for refusing to help the little one. But the gentle spruce offered shelter, the pine offered to stand tall against the wind, and the juniper offered berries to nourish the little bird.

Later, when the North Wind came to the forest and asked the Frost King if he could take the leaves from all the trees, the Frost King proclaimed that the kindly trees that had helped the little bird should be spared. And so it is to this very day; in celebration of their kindness, the spruce, the pine, and the juniper remain green all through the winter. And to this day, they are known to help little birds whenever they can.

Step 1: Question Focus: "RESPECT"

[Question Formulation Technique Resource](#)

Step 2: Produce Questions.

Rules for producing questions:

1. Ask as many questions as you can.
2. Change any statements into questions.
3. Write down every question exactly as stated.
4. Do not stop to discuss, judge, or answer the questions.

Step 3: Improve the Questions.

- 1) Identify open and closed-ended questions.
- 2) Change questions: select one question to change from open to closed-ended and one closed question to open-ended.

Example: *Closed to open*

What did the spruce tree do to show respect for the little bird?

What are some ways trees help birds?

